

RUSSIA READY
FOR ADVANCE
ON BULGARIA

Danube Port of Reni and Frontier Station of Ungheeni on Pruth River Are Closed.

FRENCH FORCES ARE
FORCED BACK 15 MILES

Army of Half a Million Will be Sent Against the British in India, Says Report.

BUDAPEST, Via Berlin and Amsterdam, Dec. 9.—Russia's plans for the long threatened invasion of the Balkans have been completed, according to reliable information received from Bucharest today.

Roumanian dispatches to the Budapest newspapers state that Russian authorities have closed the Danube port of Reni and the frontier station of Ungheeni, on the Pruth river. Great Slav forces with heavy artillery are said to have been concentrated at both these places in Bessarabia.

ATHENS, Dec. 9.—"Negotiations between Greece and the entente powers are arriving at a definite solution," says a semi-official statement published in the Athens newspapers today.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—French troops holding the line at Krivolak, in southern Serbia, have fallen back 15 miles before the violent infantry attacks and the concentrated artillery fire of the Bulgarians.

As the French troops retired they blew up the tracks of the Salonika-Nish railway to hamper pursuit, but, according to advices from Salonika, the Bulgarians being magnificently equipped with repair supplies by the German pioneers, are able to relay the tracks as they progress.

A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. from Athens says: "It is officially announced that the Anglo-French allies are retiring in southern Serbia toward the Greek frontier."

Berlin, Vienna and Sofia, all claim progress for the German allies in Serbia. For the time being the military operations again transcend the political situation although a climax is developing. If the Bulgarians are able to continue their advance, forcing the allied troops over the Greek line, the Greek government must show its hands and take a definite stand on one side or the other.

It is reported for the second time that Field Marshal von Mackensen, of the German army, who directed the Balkan campaign for the Teutons, has arrived at Constantinople. A dispatch from Salonika to that effect was published in the newspaper *Mattino* at Rome and forwarded to London by the Central News.

This information follows a report that Field Marshal von Der Goltz, the German commander in Turkey, is going to Mesopotamia to lead a Turkish-German army of 500,000 men against India.

Telegrams from Athens state state Anglo-French reinforcements are arriving continuously at Salonika but that the greatest difficulty is being experienced in landing them owing to the lack of facilities.

OGHRIDA IS TAKEN
BY BULGAR ARMY

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—Ochrida, in southwestern Serbia, the last town of importance held by the Serbians, has been captured by the Bulgarians. Official announcement of the occupation of Ochrida as well as of Eriakova, and Edina, by the Bulgars, was officially announced today by the German war office.

Fighting along the Vardar river between the Anglo-French forces and the Bulgarians is proceeding favorably for the latter, the report adds.

SOFIA, Dec. 9.—The Bulgarian war office today announced the capture of the station of Demir Kapou, on the Nish-Salonika railway. "We occupied the Demir Kapou station," said the official statement. "We attacked the French and British forces along the entire Strumnitza front."

"The village of Grovitza was surrounded on three sides by Bulgarian troops in a struggle that lasted until midnight."

"A French battalion was defeated by our troops near Petroz. We took 114 British prisoners near Strumnitza."

PROPOSES UNION OF
NEW YORK TYPISTS

MISS IDA FINGERHUT.

A typists union for the 40,000 girl stenographers and a minimum wage of \$8 per week is the ideal for which Miss Ida Fingerhut, secretary to City Chamberlain Henry Breure is working. Miss Fingerhut, who is one of the highest priced stenographers in New York is chairman of a committee organizing the latest union.

RETURN ADDRESS IS
NEEDED FOR PARCELS

Three Rules For Shipment of Goods Issued by Local Post-office.

Three requests in regard to parcel post have been issued by the local postoffice. The notice is to the effect that the package must be securely packed, tied with stout cord and must have the return address of the sender as well as having the addressee's name appear plainly on each parcel.

Parcels without return addresses will be refused for shipment. The method of addressing packages is the same as for first class mail. One of the things that should be watched carefully, says the notice, is the placing of non-postage stamps and stickers. In no case should these be placed in the upper right hand corner, which is the customary place for postage stamps.

Packages may be insured at the following rates: \$5 value for 35 cents; \$10 value for 50 cents; \$25 value for 10 cents and \$100 value at 25 cents. Perishable and fragile matter is supposed to be marked as such.

IS UNABLE TO APPEAR

Victim of Assault in Serious Condition.

Frank Barca has been unconscious at his home in the west part of town for 48 hours, following an assault, for which three men are held under heavy bonds to the city court. Attacked Tuesday night, Barca, Alex Racy and Charles Miffen were arraigned before City Judge Warner Thursday morning, was unable to appear against them. Joseph Barca, a brother, signed the complaint against the trio, and eight witnesses are named in the affidavit against Koss, Racy and Miffen. Atty. George Sands appeared for the defendants and agreed to a continuance to next Thursday, Dec. 16.

WILL EXPLAIN SYSTEM

Chicago Minister to Address Pastors Here Monday.

Rev. Dewitt Forward of Chicago, will be here next Monday to tell the members of the Ministerial association about the Greeley plan of teaching the Bible, which is to be used in the high school here, at their regular meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Rev. Forward will not be the teacher who will give instruction in the Bible, but a student of his system will be secured. The committee in charge of this proposition will appoint a teacher in time for the next semester.

RAILROAD MEN IN CITY

Special Train Takes Party Over Vandallia to Logansport.

T. B. Hamilton of St. Louis, general manager of the Vandallia Railroad Co., F. L. Campbell, Logansport, superintendent of the Michigan division, L. C. Collins, assistant road foreman of engines, and other officials of the company were in South Bend Thursday on an inspection tour. The party came to this city on the New York Central lines and were met here by a special train which left at noon for Logansport.

GERMANY NOT
AFTER PEACE
SAYS HOLLWEG

Willing to Discuss Any Terms Offered by Allies, But Will Not Propose Subject of Ending War.

REFUSES TO ACCEPT
BLAME FOR CONFLICT

Food Supplies Are Sufficient But Distribution Must be Solved—Fights to Protect Life and Liberty.

BERLIN (by wireless), Dec. 9.—Germany will make no peace proposals to the allies, but if the entente powers offer terms compatible with Germany's dignity and safety, the German government is willing to discuss them.

Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg so announced in the Reichstag today. The chancellor was cheered as he rose to make his promised reply to the socialist interpellation on the question of peace and he was cheered as he frankly stated the government's position. He had just returned from a conference with Emperor William at army headquarters.

"As long as in the countries of our enemies, the guilt and ignorance of statesmen are entangled with confusion of public opinion," said the chancellor, "it would be folly for Germany to make peace proposals which would not shorten but lengthen the duration of the war. First the masks must be torn from their faces."

"At present they speak of a war of annihilation against us. We have to reckon with this fact. Theoretical arguments for peace or propositions will not advance us, will not bring the end nearer."

Ready to Hear Terms. "If our enemies make peace propositions compatible with Germany's dignity and safety, then we shall always be ready to discuss them."

"Fully conscious of our unshaken military successes, we decline to accept responsibility for conviction of the misery which now fills Europe and the whole world."

"Nobody can say that we continue the war because we want still to conquer this or that country."

The peace debate in the reichstag was opened by Dr. Scheidemann, the socialist leader, who at the end of a short address interpellated the government as follows:

"Is the imperial chancellor ready to give information as to the conditions under which he would be willing to enter peace negotiations?" Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, then turning to a discussion of Germany's economic situation, said: "Germany's enemies blinded their own nations at the beginning of the war by false stories which excited hatred, now, after military and diplomatic defeats, they are only able to cling to the idea of Germany's annihilation. For this purpose they invented the starvation theory."

"We all agree that our food stuffs are sufficient; that the only important question is their distribution," declared the chancellor emphatically.

"The economic unit stretching from Aras into Mesopotamia cannot be crushed."

Making Substitutes. He then stated that Germany had immense stores of copper, sufficient to last for many years, and that German industries were manufacturing substitutes for needed material such as artificial rubber.

After mentioning the fact that France had already called to the colors the class of 1917, and that from neutral sources Germany had

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TURK DESTROYER IS
SUNK BY SUBMARINE

PARIS, Dec. 9.—The French war office today announced that an English submarine had torpedoed and sunk the Turkish destroyer *Yar Hissar* in the Sea of Marmora and captured two officers and 40 men of its crew.

The following report on operations in the Dardanelles was issued: "On Dec. 5, an attempted attack by the enemy was immediately checked by our fire."

"On Dec. 6, the effective fire of our trench machines made a break in the enemy's lines and caused the explosion of a Turkish munition depot. The enemy replied with a violent bombardment which caused no damage at all."

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MAIN POINTS IN
NEW MILITARY BILL

Is entitled an act to increase the efficiency of the military establishment of the United States. Increases the regular army from 108,000 to 141,843 officers and enlisted men.

Provides for six instead of four additional regiments of field artillery and 12 instead of 15 additional companies of engineers.

Provides for 52 companies of coast artillery and for four aero-squadrons.

Authorizes the continental army of 400,000 men as asked for by the president to be raised in three installments of 133,000 men annually.

Brings infantry organization up to maximum strength but does not authorize the 10 additional infantry regiments asked for by the president.

Terms of enlistment in the continental army, six years, three with the colors and three in the regular reserve.

President appoints all officers but those above the rank of lieutenant colonel in the continental army must be confirmed by the senate.

Provides federal pay for the organized militia.

INSURANCE OFFICE
ROBBED OF \$7,000

Three Masked Men Bind Employees and Get Away With Money.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Three masked men, flourishing revolvers, held up the employees of the West Side branch of the Prudential Life Insurance Co., 2741 W. North av., at 8 o'clock today, and took \$7,000, which had just been obtained from a vault for office expenses and payroll.

The robbers were apparently familiar with the office routine. Shortly after the office opened a girl cashier went to the safety deposit vaults of R. H. Hurlbut, half a block distant. During her absence three masked men entered the insurance office, forced the janitor, Lars Wold, into the inner office, where he was bound and gagged.

The men crouched behind the door and when the cashier entered they leaped upon her and took the satchel containing the money. At that moment another girl employee of the company entered. Both girls were bound and gagged and placed in the office with the janitor.

It was several minutes after the flight of the robbers before other employees arriving at the office discovered the bound trio. The police were immediately notified and given descriptions of the robbers.

DEFENSE ENDS TODAY

New Haven Suit About Ready For Arguments.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—So satisfied was the defense today with the testimony produced yesterday from Charles S. Meilen in the New Haven conspiracy trial that it announced its intention of finishing the cross-examination today.

ARCHBISHOPS NAMED

Three Canadians Are Appointed by the Pope.

ROME, Dec. 9.—Three Canadian archbishops were appointed today by Pope Benedict. Mgr. Mathieu was appointed archbishop of Regina, Assiniboia; Mgr. Beliveau, archbishop of St. Boniface, Manitoba; and Mgr. Sinnott, archbishop of Winnipeg.

Latest in the News World

TURKS ADVANCE. CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 9.—(Via Berlin by wireless)—Turkish troops are advancing on Aden, the fortified British port on the south coast of Arabia, the war office announced today.

Ottoman troops have been successful in fighting between Mahdi and Aden.

MEXICAN EMBASSADOR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Sec'y of State Lansing announced today that he had been informed that Eliseo Arredondo has been Mexican ambassador to the United States. Mr. Arredondo has represented Gen. Carranza here for the past couple of years. His selection as ambassador was expected following the recognition of Carranza as the head of the de facto government of Mexico.

BUILD TRENCHES.

SALONIKA, Via Paris, Dec. 9.—Fortifications and trenches are being constructed by the allied troops about Salonika. Artillery is mounted on every hill and eminence.

The foregoing dispatch indicates that the leaders of the Anglo-French expedition in Serbia are contemplating a retirement, with a resultant invasion of Greek territory by the Bulgars and the Germans.

LARGER ARMY
BILL IS READY
FOR CONGRESS

Will be Taken Up by Committee and Then Given to House—Force of 141,843 is Planned.

CONTINENTAL ARMY
FEATURE OF MEASURE

Men Would Serve Three Years in Regular Army and Then Three More as Members of Second Force.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The first of the preparedness bills, that creating the new regular army of defense, practically was completed today by Rep. James Hay, chairman of the house committee on military affairs.

The bill will be taken up in committee before it is introduced in the house. If the republican members of the committee arrive by Saturday, as is expected, Chairman Hay will call the first meeting for next Monday and public hearings will commence Tuesday. The measure will then go before the house as the collective thought of the committee.

Designed to provide for the needs of the army in the part it is to play in President Wilson's billion dollar defense program, the Hay bill appropriately is captioned "a bill to increase the military efficiency of the United States." While numerically it will increase the regular army from 108,000 officers and men to about 141,843 rank and file as suggested by the president, not all of the increases asked are granted. Certain important features ignored by the president are likewise added to the bill.

Favors Federal Pay. First of all the Hay bill falls to provide for 10 regiments of infantry that the president asked for. On the other hand, without executive suggestion, there is included the mooted proposition providing federal pay for the organized militia of the several states.

The Wilson plan called for four new regiments of field artillery. The Hay bill provides for six. In place of 15 companies of infantry as asked by the president only 12 companies are provided for in the bill. It increases the coast artillery to 52 companies and make provision for four aeroplane squadrons. A veterinary corps also is created although not asked for.

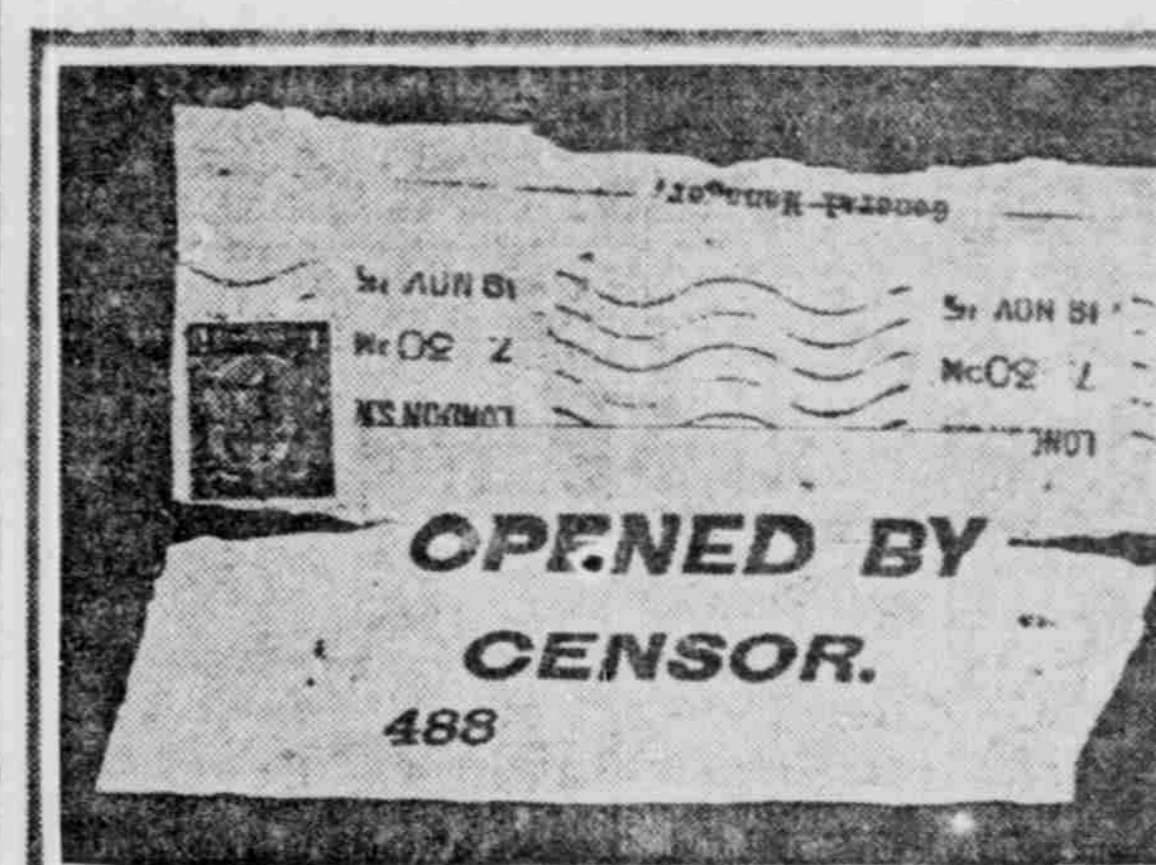
The measure authorizes the continental army of 400,000 men asked by the president and Sec'y Garrison. This is essentially a reserve army of civilians to be raised in three annual installments of approximately 133,000 men to serve six years, three with the colors and three on furlough. The bill provides in bill provides instructors for this army and also for its officers.

While the chief omission from the president's plan is the failure to provide for 10 additional regiments of infantry there will be a general increase in this branch through a provision in the bill that all branches of the service are to be kept up to their maximum field strength. The militia pay bill is one which senators and representatives long have advocated as calculated to build up and popularize the national guard.

Although the measure is not a

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What Happens to Mail in England



CENSORED LETTER FROM ENGLAND. DATA-FILM SERVICE.

There is now a general censorship in all mails to America, the chief postal censor asserts. The reason for this, it is intimated, is that without such a censorship the British government believes there was always an opportunity for Germany to receive information through the mails, and information of value to Germany is believed already to have passed to America in that way. The censorship on American mails has heretofore been insignificant.

WOULD GRANT 12
YEARS OF GRACE

Chicago Physician Has Plan to Give Handicapped Babies a Chance.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Chicago physicians and surgeons are today discussing the startling plan advocated by Dr. Jean Turner Zimmerman, founder and superintendent of the Chicago Woman's Shelter, under which defective babies will be kept alive for 12 years, and then, if a jury of 12 physicians decides the child's case is hopeless, it would be chloroformed. The sterilization of parents of defective children was another reform advocated by Dr. Zimmerman in her address before the Chicago Women's Medical society. The women present enthusiastically approved both plans.

"While I do not wish to criticize either Dr. Halseiden or Dr. Faltermeyer, for letting defective babies die when a simple operation might have saved their lives, I must register my opposition against the practice," she said. "A life is a life, and it is not for a single physician to say that it must be snuffed out because the body is defective."

"I have a plan for disposing of these cases. Let the child live to a certain age, about 12 years, then have a jury of 12 physicians decide whether it should be allowed to continue. If it is hopeless and the verdict is that it would be a menace to society and a curse to its parents and itself, it would be merciful to chloroform."

"But I would not stop here. I then would hale the child's parents before this same jury and have them subjected to a thorough physical examination. If they were found to be suffering from any previous ailment, I would have them treated so they never could bring another child into the world."

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—No action will be taken by Coroner Peter M. Hoffman in the case of Grace Werder, the defective baby permitted to die a week ago by Dr. Jacob Faltermeyer with the approval of Dr. H. J. Halseiden.

"The child died from natural causes," said the coroner today.

ARREST MAN AT PLANT

Number of Maps Are Found in Prisoner's Possession.

HOPEWELL, Va., Dec. 9.—A man whom the police believe to be a German was arrested at the local plant of the Dupont Powder Co. The police state that a number of maps were found in the man's possession.

The authorities refused to reveal the name of the prisoner, but notified Washington and asked that secret service men be sent here to investigate.

SWEPT BY FIRE.

GENOVA, Italy, Dec. 9.—A devastating fire by oil and cotton, swept the quays today. Thousands of barrels of oil stored in the warehouses exploded. Even thousands of bales of cotton as well as great quantities of paraffine were destroyed.

Twenty loaded railway cars were also burned.

TWO SHIPS SUNK.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Cunard line Veria and the steamship Goulandria have been sunk by submarines.

The crew of the Veria, which was a vessel of 3,225 tons, was saved. The Veria was built in 1899 and hailed from Liverpool. It was in the Mediterranean service.

BANK IS ROBBED.

FARMBURY, Neb., Dec. 9.—The Farmers and Merchants' National bank of Farmbury was robbed some time last night. The amount secured is not yet known. Bloodhounds were put on the tracks of the robbers at noon.

ANOTHER MILLION
IS BRITISH AIM

England Plans to Have Four Million Men Under Arms by April 1.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—England intends to have an army of 4,000,000 men under arms by April 1, 1918. There are at present 3,000,000 British soldiers in the field or in training and within a week Premier Asquith, with the unanimous support of the cabinet will ask parliament to authorize the enlisting of 1,000,000 more.

Shortly after Lord Kitchener visited Greece it was reported that he had informed the Athens government that by spring England would have an army of 4,000,000 men and that it would assist in the arming and supplying of a Russian army of 6,000,000. While this report has never been officially confirmed, it is understood that it was decided four months ago that the British army should be increased to 4,000,000.

This decision it is said, may be regarded as an answer to Germany's desire to make peace on terms satisfactory only to Germany.

The cabinet has not yet decided whether it will be necessary to adopt conscription to raise the additional forces. Its action will depend on the result of Lord Derby's efforts to increase voluntary enlistment. For the last week the number of recruits has increased daily to such extent, in fact, that the enlistment offices now in operation have been unable to cope with the rush.

Lord Derby's efforts will cease on Dec. 11, unless the results are so good that the government will decide to extend the time limit. It is said that Lord Derby is so confident of success in his campaign that he has asked that his scheme be adopted for another period.

TURKS PRESS BRITISH

Losses of Defenders Great, Says Constantinople.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 9.—Turkish troops in Mesopotamia are pressing hard against the British around Bagdad. It is official-ly announced.

It is stated that the English are suffering big losses.

The following statement was issued by the Turkish war office: "On the Iraq front we are pressing hard against the enemy defending positions in the region of Kut-el-Amara. Enemy columns in trying to escape suffered heavy losses. We captured 200 camels. We are penetrating to Shaikhan, harassing the retreating enemy."

CANAL IN BAD SHAPE

Will be Closed to Heavy Steamers For a Year.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—That the Panama canal will be closed to steamers of heavy draught for at least a year is the information brought here today by officers of the City of Para. They believe the great slides in Gaillard Cut will be cleared sufficiently within six months to allow the passage of light draught vessels, but millions of cubic yards of earth remain to be excavated and the earth is cracked a distance of seven miles from the canal, indicating terrific pressure on both sides of the cut.

TRAIN DITCHED.

MONTPELIER, Vt., Dec. 9.—The Montreal-Boston express was ditched near Wells river early today. So far as is known here no one was killed or injured.

Road officials say the line will be blocked for 10 hours.

ORDERS WILL
BE CANCELLED
SAY BRITISH

Give in to United States in the Cases of American Steamers Hocking and Genesee.

WILL NOT WAIT UNTIL
PRIZE COURT ACTS

Vessels Were Requisitioned in Order to Get Them to England Is Explanation of Foreign Office.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Great Britain today gave in to the United States in the cases of the American steamers *Hocking* and *Genesee*. Ambassador Page at London cabled the state department that the British foreign office had notified him that the orders requisitioning the two vessels would be cancelled pending prize court proceedings.

The foreign office further stated that no more vessels belonging to the American trans-Atlantic company would be seized until the legality of the seizures of the *Hocking* and *Genesee* has been passed upon by prize courts.

State department officials understood from their sources that the cable that the *Hocking* will be kept at Halifax and the *Genesee* at St. Lucia. The British foreign office informed Mr. Page that the vessels were requisitioned in order to take them to Great Britain and that they would make only the one voyage until prize court proceedings had been held.

To this Ambassador Page answered that the requisitioning of the ships before their seizure had been passed upon was absolutely in violation of international law, even though it was done simply to get the vessels over to England.

Kankakee Still Held. Mr. Page stated that the *Kankakee*, which was seized by the British off South America would be released under bond until the cases of the *Hocking* and *Genesee* have been passed upon by the prize courts.

The course of this government, it was explained, now will be determined by the action of the prize courts. If the seizures are upheld on the ground that the German interests control stock in the American Trans-Atlantic Co., and the state department does not believe Great Britain proves this charge, the prize court decisions will be appealed to the British admiralty.

Officials said that representatives of this government will be present at the prize court sessions. Frederick Wagner of the American Trans-Atlantic, also is expected to be well represented by counsel.

Unofficial advices reached the state department that the *Comunipaw* is safe. The ship is said to have been at Alexandria, Egypt, on Tuesday.

It was made plain at the department tonight that until the facts surrounding the *Comunipaw's* case are cleared up this government will take no action in the case of the *Petrolite*. The Standard Oil steamer which was shelled by a submarine flying an Austrian flag last week. An announcement was made at the white house Wednesday morning that a speedy inquiry had been ordered into the *Petrolite* and *Comunipaw* cases by the president.

ASK SAFE CONDUCT
FOR TWO ATTACHES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Negotiations have been started to obtain safe conduct for the return to Germany of Capt. Boy-Ed and von Papen, naval and military attaches respectively of the German embassy, whose recall has been demanded by this government.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British ambassador, called at the state department today and held a long conference with Sec'y Lansing. No information could be obtained afterwards, as to whether Great Britain will permit the officers to return to their country. Both Sec'y Lansing and the Ambassador refused to discuss the matter.

Ambassador von Bernstorff disappeared from the German embassy today. It was reported that he had gone to New York, though this stated at the embassy that the ambassador does not expect to hear from Berlin regarding the recall of the officials before next Monday.